

SENATE BILL 51

By Dickerson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
relative to prescription eye drops.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

A policy or contract for a health benefit plan, as defined in § 56-7-2203, that is issued, renewed, or entered into on or after January 1, 2018, and provides coverage for prescription eye drops shall not deny coverage for a refill of a prescription otherwise eligible for a refill if:

(1)

(A) The renewal is requested by the insured for a thirty (30) day supply of the drug at least twenty-one (21) days from:

(i) The original date the prescription was dispensed to the insured; or

(ii) The date the most recent refill was dispensed to the insured;

(B) The renewal is requested by the insured for a sixty (60) day supply of the drug at least forty-five (45) days from:

(i) The original date the prescription was dispensed to the insured; or

(ii) The date the most recent refill was dispensed to the insured; or

(C) The renewal is requested by the insured for a ninety (90) day supply of the drug at least sixty-eight (68) days from:

(i) The original date the prescription was dispensed to the insured; or

(ii) The date the most recent refill was dispensed to the insured

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.